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New Orleans Jazz Band Headed to Christopher Cohan Center

The abandon of the French Quarter and a taste of Bourbon Street will fill the Christopher Cohan Center when The Preservation Hall Jazz Band plays in concert at at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 2002.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band features rollicking traditional-style New Orleans jazz made famous by such artists as Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton.

The concert is sponsored by Pacific Republic Mortgage and the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo de Tolosa as the Rotary de Tolosa's sixth annual Valentine's Day benefit concert.

The San Francisco Examiner called the Preservation Hall Jazz Band the "best jazz band in the land." The Syracuse Post-Standard agreed: "quite simply, nobody does it better."

PHJB master musicians include bassist Benjamin Jaffe, clarinetist David Grillier, drummer Joseph Lastie, Jr., trombonist Frank Desmond, trumpeter Wendell Brunious, and Don Vappie on banjo.

A pre-concert reception for concert patrons, sponsored by San Luis Paints, will be held in the Cohan Center Pavilion at 7 p.m. The event has a Mardi Gras theme and reception tickets are available for purchase at the Ticket Office.

A private master class, led by key PHJB members and sponsored by Duke Energy Power Services, is being held for 15 high school music students from San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay on the day of the concert. Concert tickets are \$30 and \$36. Reception tickets are an additional \$16. All concert proceeds benefit local youth charities.

All tickets may be purchased at Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088. Tickets

also available on-line at www.pacslo.org.

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